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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002 (Paper No. 7), please reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 98-111 without prejudice as indicated below. Also, all other pending claims are provided herein for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. A method for establishing the validity of a display created by a general purpose creation device, said method comprising the steps of:
 - placing in said device media upon which information may be created, said media having preestablished thereon data which is unique to said media; and
 - communicating at least a portion of said preestablished data to a location independent from said device, said independent location operable to create on said media a security indicia, said security indicia created in part by information contained in said preestablished media data and whereby said security indicia is validatable at a subsequent time partially under control of data contained in said preestablished media data;
 - wherein said media is paper, and wherein said device is a general purpose printer;